

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 19, with the following paragraph:

Ch The answer weighting table 380 shown in Fig. 5 is a table that defines the correspondence between the answer to "question" discussed above and a weight (answer value). The example shown in the drawing adopts a method to allow the searcher to choose one out of three ~~alternations~~alternatives, "YES", "NO", and "UNKNOWN". In case of "YES", the answer value is 1. In case of "NO", the answer value is -1, and in case of "UNKNOWN", the answer value is 0 (zero).
